

**DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
DIVISION OF ST. CROIX**

CLIFFORD BOYNES, et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	Civil Action No. 2021-0253
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v.)	
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LIMETREE BAY VENTURES, LLC, et al.,)	
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Defendants.)	
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HELEN SHIRLEY, et al.,)	
)	Civil Action No. 2021-0259
Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	
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LIMETREE BAY VENTURES, LLC, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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FRANCIS E. CHARLES and THERESA J. CHARLES,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	Civil Action No. 2021-0260
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v.)	
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LIMETREE BAY VENTURES, LLC, et al.,)	
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Defendants.)	
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BEECHER COTTON, et al.,)	
)	Civil Action No. 2021-0261
Plaintiffs,)	
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v.)	
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LIMETREE BAY VENTURES, LLC, et al.,)	
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Defendants.)	
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ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on its February 20, 2024 Order, wherein the Court set a Status Conference for March 20, 2024 “to address all scheduling, case management, and discovery issues concerning all parties.” (Dkt. No. 519).

On August 22, 2023, the Court granted in part Certain Defendants’ Unopposed “Motion for Status Conference” (Civ. No. 2021-0261, Dkt. No. 446), to the extent that a Status Conference was scheduled for September 6, 2023. In its Order, the Court deferred ruling on Plaintiffs’ “Motion and Supporting Memorandum of Law Seeking a Court Order Setting Initial Deadlines” (Dkt. No. 406) pending discussion at the September 6, 2023 Status Conference. (Dkt. No. 433). In a submission that briefed the Court on issues for the September 6, 2023 Status Conference, Plaintiffs raised to the Court’s attention that “they intend[ed to file a motion] to seek consolidation and amendment of the Complaints.” (Dkt. No. 448 at 1). On September 1, 2023, the Court continued the September 6, 2023 Status Conference pending further Order of the Court because “the Court [] determined that it would be more efficient and expedient to defer the Status Conference until after Plaintiffs [had] filed their Motions.” *Id.* at 2.

The Court has now granted Plaintiffs’ “Motion[s] for Leave to Amend Complaints and Consolidate Proceedings” (Dkt. No. 526) (granting (Dkt. No. 453)) and rescheduled the continued status conference to March 20, 2024. (Dkt. No. 519). At the February 22, 2024 Water Distribution Program Status Conference, Plaintiffs and Defendant Limetree Bay Terminals (“Terminals”) proposed, and the Court agreed, that certain outstanding issues involving the Water Distribution Program would also be discussed at the March 20, 2024 Status Conference. Accordingly, after discussing scheduling, case management, and discovery issues, the March 20, 2024 Status Conference will address any outstanding issues related to the Water Distribution Program. To

accommodate this expansion of the agenda, the March 20, 2024 Status Conference will be extended through March 21, 2024, if necessary.

In view of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that Plaintiffs shall have up to and including March 13, 2024 to submit a Joint Notice containing a proposed schedule for the consolidated actions and raising to the Court's attention all scheduling, case management, and discovery issues sought to be addressed at the Status Conference;¹ and it is further

ORDERED that Defendants shall have up to and including March 13, 2024 to submit a single Joint Notice containing a proposed schedule or proposed schedules for the consolidated actions and raising to the Court's attention all scheduling, case management, and discovery issues sought to be addressed at the Status Conference.² Defendants' Joint Notice may be subdivided by party, if necessary; and it is further

ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and attempt to resolve scheduling and case management issues prior to submitting their Joint Notices to the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that the March 20, 2024 Status Conference is **EXTENDED** through March 21, 2024, if necessary to address any outstanding issues involving the Water Distribution Program; and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiffs and Terminals shall have up to and including March 13, 2024 to

¹ There are only two exceptions to the Court's above directive that Plaintiffs' submission must present *all* issues for discussion at the Status Conference. The parties have already sufficiently briefed the Court as to Plaintiffs' "Motion and Supporting Memorandum of Law to Compel Certain Defendants to Participate in a Rule 26(f) Conference" (Dkt. No. 483) and certain Defendants' "Motion to Stay Discovery." (Dkt. No. 485). Accordingly, the parties may incorporate by reference arguments made therein to the extent necessary, *but must specifically and precisely cite to the document and page numbers upon which they are relying*.

² The same caveat discussed in Footnote 1 above applies to Defendants' submission. *See* n.1 at 2.

submit a Joint Notice raising to the Court's attention all outstanding issues concerning the Water Distribution Program sought to be addressed at the Status Conference; and it is further

ORDERED that Plaintiffs and Terminals shall meet and confer and attempt to resolve issues related to the Water Distribution Program prior to submitting their Joint Notice to the Court.

SO ORDERED.

Date: March 5, 2024

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WILMA A. LEWIS
District Judge